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RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to reevaluate the requirements of the "No Child Left Behind Act" and to fund the levels authorized in the act.

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Whereas, Blueprint 2000 was passed by Congress in 1990 and called for the establishment of goals for K-12 education, high standards of achievement, the development of a curriculum based on these standards, and an assessment system to ensure student learning progress and school accountability;

Whereas, Indiana has witnessed educational gains among its students as a result of the efforts of its students, teachers, parents, schools, and communities as an outcome of the implementation of the school reform and accountability system;

Whereas, In 2001, Congress enacted and President George W. Bush later signed into law the "No Child Left Behind Act" designed to ensure accountability of America's schools for the academic success of our students, especially those with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency;

Whereas, The "No Child Left Behind Act" departs from the time honored American principle of balanced federalism and respect for state and local prerogatives, especially in education;

Whereas, The "No Child Left Behind Act" mandates that all schools attain adequate yearly progress toward the goal of



100% student proficiency in reading, math, language arts, and science by the 2013-2014 school year; and

Whereas, The goals of the "No Child Left Behind Act" may be unrealized because of economic challenges in the states: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Congress
2 of the United States to hold harmless those states that, as a result of
3 their own educational accountability system, meet or exceed the
4 requirements of the "No Child Left Behind Act".

5 SECTION 2. That if a state is not held harmless, the Indiana
6 General Assembly requests the Congress of the United States to
7 provide federal funding in amounts consistent with the levels
8 authorized in the "No Child Left Behind Act" for education programs
9 and expanded information systems needed to accurately reflect student,
10 school, and school district performance and professional development
11 training necessary for teachers.

12 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly requests the
13 Congress of the United States to authorize appropriate methods of
14 assessment for students who are not proficient in English and students
15 with disabilities.

16 SECTION 4. That the Indiana General Assembly requests the
17 Congress of the United States to allow an appropriate methodology for
18 determining adequate yearly progress targets and progress of students
19 who are not proficient in English and of students with disabilities.

20 SECTION 5. That the Indiana General Assembly requests the
21 Congress of the United States to allow flexibility in calculating
22 adequate yearly progress for students belonging to multiple groups and
23 subgroups.

24 SECTION 6. That the Indiana General Assembly requests the
25 Congress of the United States to recognize, through law and revisions
26 thereto, that our federal system of government education is primarily
27 a state and local responsibility.

28 SECTION 7. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President
30 of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the
31 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each
32 member of the Indiana Congressional delegation.

